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## NEWS ITEMS

Dr. H. A. Gleason has been promoted to an assistant professorship of botany at the University of Michigan.

Dr. George M. Reed of the University of Missouri is spending the summer at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Mr. W. W. Tupper has been given leave of absence from instructorship in botany, and Dr. A. H. Povah has been appointed as his substitute in botany for the year 1916-17, at the University of Michigan.

Mr. H. F. Bergman and Mr. Harvey Stallard of the Department of Botany, University of Minnesota, will spend the summer in studying plant succession in Minnesota. Special study of the nature and development of swamps in Anoka and Pennington counties will be made in coöperation with the Division of Soils.

The University of Michigan greenhouse space will be enlarged during the present summer by addition of two new glass houses, each 20 ft. X 100 ft.

An arrangement has been worked out under which New York University and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden will coöperate in encouraging botanical investigations. Under the arrangement which was adopted by the University Council, such members of the scientific staff of the Botanic Garden as it may designate with the concurrence of the University authorities will be made officers of instruction in the Graduate School, and will be lecturers in the Department of Biology of that school. Courses of graduate rank offered by the Garden, when approved by the Faculty of the Graduate School, will be listed as courses in the Graduate School and will be given the same credit as other graduate courses. Properly qualified students who take these courses may present them in satisfaction of the requirements for advanced degrees given by New York University. Students of the University are to have all of the privileges of the library, herbarium, laboratory equipment and collections of living plants and other similar material that may be necessary in making their investigations.